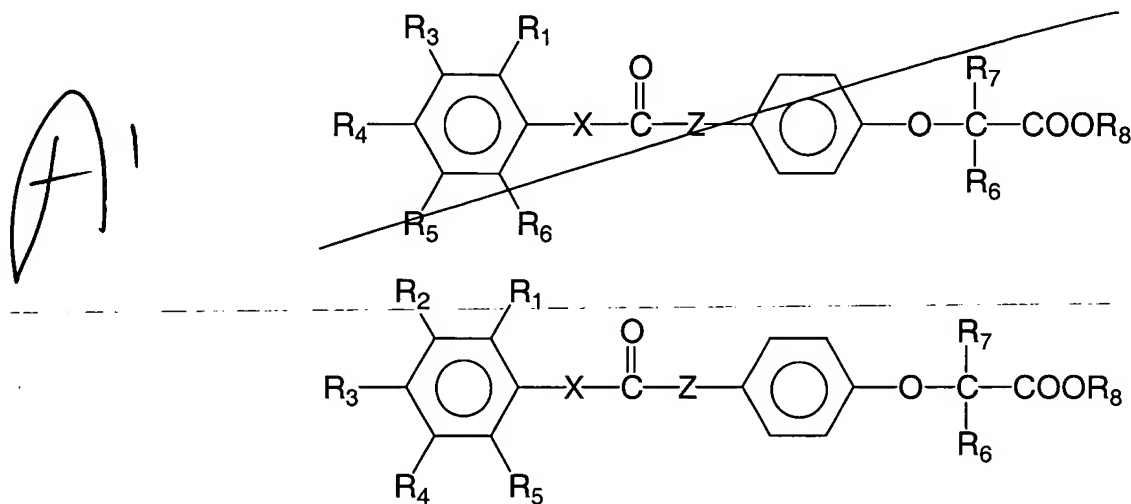


Amendments to the specification

The paragraph at page 5, line 2:

a compound having the formula:

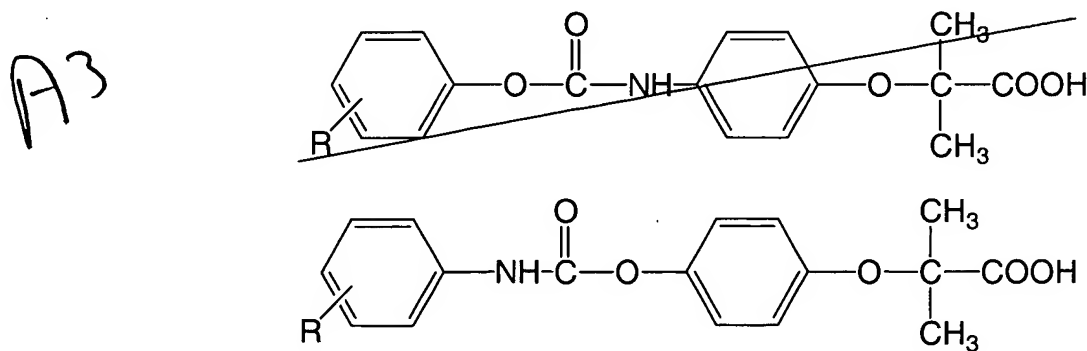


The paragraph at page 5, line 7:

A2 R₈ may be hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₃ alkyl group, or a salt cation, and
X and Z are CH₂, NH₂, or O;

The paragraph at page 12, line 15:

group IV: 2-[4-(((aryl)amino)carbonyl)oxy]phenoxy]-2-methyl propionic acid
compounds having the general structural formula



The paragraph from page 13, line 13 to page 14, line 1:

The image enhancing agents of the present invention are capable of allosterically effecting hemoglobin to cause a change in the oxy-/deoxy- hemoglobin ratio. Allosteric effector compounds useful in the present invention include compounds disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,049,695, including

